2008 NIAID CLINICAL RESEARCH TRANSITION PROGRAM



The NIAID Clinical Research Transition Program was initiated in 2006 to provide opportunities for physicians to gain clinical and translational research experience in association with an NIAID <u>DIR laboratory</u>. The program aims to increase the pool of well-trained clinical investigators who are competitive for clinical tenure-track positions.

Applications are due December 1, 2007 for July, 2008 start date.

- One to three candidates per year will be selected for 2-3 year appointments.
- Applicants must have an M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. degree, be board eligible or board certified in a subspecialty (or equivalent), and qualify for credentialing by the NIH Clinical Center.
- Candidates may choose the NIAID DIR laboratory in which they will work (with the concurrence of the NIAID laboratory chief and the DIR director).
- Candidates will be evaluated by a search committee composed of NIAID DIR
 principal investigators with clinical research interests. The committee will also
 review participants' progress during their appointments.
- Participants will be paired with an NIAID senior clinical investigator who will serve as a clinical research mentor.
- Participants will receive starting salaries of approximately \$120,000 per year, independent resources, and staff.
- At completion of the 2nd year, participants are encouraged to apply for available tenure-track or staff clinician positions at NIH or elsewhere.
- The **application package** must include a CV, names of three references, a two-page research proposal, and a letter of support from the accepting NIAID lab chief. Competitive candidates will be asked to present their research accomplishments and plans to the search committee.